LINKS - Leaders In Non-partisan Knowledge-based Solutions identifies and tracks social trends that negatively impact the community; assesses the urgency; develops coalitions of talent and resources from partners and key public agencies; then guides and monitors remedial action from strategic planning through implementation. If you would like to learn more, or if you are interested in participating, please call us at 480-882-6579, or email kstinchcombe@shc.org.

## **VISIT THE NEW LINKS WEBSITE AT WWW.SCOTTSDALELINKS.ORG**

# Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale

#### Tackle Football

Registration for tackle football leagues offered through the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale will begin on **July 3, 2006**. Children ages 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13 may register at the Barker Branch located at 2311 N. Miller Road. The cost is \$125 per child. The football program will start the last week of August.

#### After School Programs

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale after-school programs run Monday – Friday, 2:30 to 6:30 PM, and offers activities in education, technology, arts, physical fitness and social recreation. Registration for the after-school programs will begin **July 24, 2006.** Transportation from most Scottsdale schools is provided.

Financial assistance is available for the football leagues and after-school programs. Call or visit the branch nearest you for details.

# Call the Branch nearest you to register. Program fills up fast, so call soon!

Hartley & Ruth Barker Branch 2311 N. Miller Road Scottsdale, AZ 85257 480.947.6331

Virginia G. Piper Branch 10515 E. Lakeview Drive Scottsdale, AZ 85258 480.860.1601

Four Peaks Branch 14605 N. Del Cambre Ave. Fountain Hills, AZ 85268 480.344.5400

Red Mountain Branch 11889 E. Glenrosa Drive Scottsdale, AZ 85256 480.947.1798 Rose Lane Branch 8250 E. Rose Lane Scottsdale, AZ 85250 480.948.8020

The Thunderbird Branch 20199 N. 78th Place Scottsdale, AZ 85255 480.538.9547

Lehi Branch 1231 E. Oak Street Mesa, AZ 85203 480.850.4453

# Scottsdale Healthcare FREE HEALTH PROGRAMS

Scottsdale Healthcare makes a positive, measurable impact on the health of our community through the work of their Community Health and Wellness Services. Community programs include health fairs, screening programs, health information lines, support groups, children's immunization clinics, car seat safety, as well as a variety of special services and resources.

Call **480-882-4636** for more information & details regarding upcoming programs or log on to <a href="https://www.shc.org">www.shc.org</a>

## Scottsdale/Paradise Valley YMCA

The Scottsdale/PV YMCA has been serving the Scottsdale and Paradise Valley communities since 1986. Members of all ages and abilities participate in programs that build a healthy spirit, mind and body. They come for fun, to make new friends, and most of all they come to experience the sense of community and well being that YMCA membership is all about.

Please stop in and let a YMCA staff member give you a tour of the facility or call **480-951-9622**.

#### YMCA i-Learn Program

The *i-Learn Program* is a collaborative approach to community-based learning. The YMCA provides the space, staff, leadership programs, athletic opportunities, child care options, and a facility membership to offer a solution to the dismal Arizona high school completion rate. Through digital technologies, the innovative *i-Learn Program* addresses barriers to education by offering flexible learning in a community environment, while promoting leadership, fitness, and creativity.

For program details please call 480-312-0025.

#### A New Web Site for LINKS!

You are invited to visit us on our NEW web site at www.scottsdalelinks.org

- · Learn about new directions we are exploring
- · Check out the informative publications
- Post your comments on our Sound Off! Page

We look forward to receiving your feedback.



Scottsdale selected by America's Promise as a "100 Best Communities for Young People"

Scottsdale received this honor because of its programs for children and young people. Outstanding programs highlighted in Scottsdale's application included:

- the LINKS Community Collaborative, a network of agencies that tracks key issues for youth;
- the Interfaith Network of Scottsdale, which promotes youth volunteerism, character building and leadership through different faiths; and
- the bilingual Ready to Learn program, promoting awareness of the impact of early brain development through literacy programs focusing on new parents.

#### Scottsdale Unified School District

Did you know that students are only in the classroom 180 days of each year? That's why it is so very important that children are learning from their teachers every possible day, including the first day of school. START SMART by having your child in school from the very first day.

First day of classes is **August 21, 2006**. Start and release times are listed on the district Web site at: http://www.susd.org/district/forparents/schooltimes.htm

If you have any questions or need more information please call **480-484-6100** or visit their web site <a href="https://www.susd.org">www.susd.org</a>.

#### Talk To Us...

- What issues do you think are important to the greater Scottsdale community?
- Do you have a desire to explore the truth behind these issues?
- Do you have suggestions or creative ways to address these issues?

We would like to hear from you. Send us an e-mail telling us about these issues and tell us why you think they are important. LINKS will research the facts and inform the community about our findings.

Send your e-mail to: <a href="mailto:kstinchcombe@shc.org">kstinchcombe@shc.org</a>
Or go to <a href="mailto:www.scottsdalelinks.org">www.scottsdalelinks.org</a>

#### **Boomerz**

As 77 million "baby boomers" move into the next stage of their lives, they are redefining quality of life itself and continuing their signature quest for personal and social meaning. Boomers are redesigning mid-life, redefining the empty nest, reinventing retirement and exploring life in new and unexpected ways.

**Boomerz** is a joint project between the Scottsdale community and The Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust. Other similar projects in the Phoenix area include:

- Chandler Boomerang: www.myboomerang.org
- Mesa Life Options: www.mesalibrary.org/lifeoptions/default.asp
- Tempe Connections: Site under construction

**Boomerz** is committed to helping you make the most of these transitions. We will help you rediscover your passion and purpose and re-connect with your values and with your community. We will provide intellectual stimulation, opportunities for employment, meaningful volunteer work, a place to gather and socialize, or share resources and expertise.

For more information go to <a href="https://www.BoomerzAz.com">www.BoomerzAz.com</a>
or call **480-423-6691** 

## Coronado High School Grand Opening Celebration September 13, 2006

# Friends, neighbors, students, alumni –Help launch the new era of Coronado High School.

Everyone is invited! Join us as we celebrate the grand opening of the "new" Coronado High School. Stop by for a tour of the new facility as you take a walk down memory lane and re-new old acquaintances.

For a schedule of activities and other details please call 480-484-6800 or visit their web site http://www.susd.org/Coronado/

#### El Centro de la Familia - SPI

Located on the campus of the Paiute Neighborhood Center, El Centro de la Familia provides many services to the community, including:

- Literacy programs for youth & adults
- Individual & group support
- Arts & Crafts
- Community Resource Information

For more information call 480-312-7636